

**Notice of
Preparation
November
2003**

**DTSC Plans To Study Open
Burn/Open Detonation Units At
Edwards Air Force Base**



NEW UNITS TO BE SEVEN MILES NORTH OF HI VISTA CA

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Boards and
Departments within
the California
Environmental
Protection Agency.
The Department's
mission is to restore,
protect and enhance
the environment,
to ensure public health,
environmental
quality and
economic vitality,
by regulating
hazardous waste,
conducting and
overseeing
cleanups, and
developing
and promoting
pollution prevention.*

State of California



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Environmental
Protection Agency



The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) wants to know what potential environmental impacts you think we should include in the California Environmental Quality Act process. Some examples are air quality, noise, and soil. You may have other areas you think we should study. DTSC will use this process to study the impacts of the Open Burn and Open Detonation Units at Edwards Air Force Base. Then DTSC will prepare an Environmental Impact Report before making a decision on the Air Force's application to add their Open Burn and Open Detonation Units to their state hazardous waste facility permit.

Currently Edwards Air Force Base has Open Burn and Open Detonation Units which treat explosive charges, lab wastes and no longer usable bombs, warheads, cartridges and fuses containing explosive wastes. These units now operate under temporary authority granted by DTSC. Edwards Air Force Base

Scoping Meeting

DTSC will hold a public scoping meeting to share information on the Open Burn/Open Detonation Units at Edwards Air Force Base. Also, DTSC seeks public comment on what DTSC should study about the impacts of these units. DTSC will hold the meeting on:

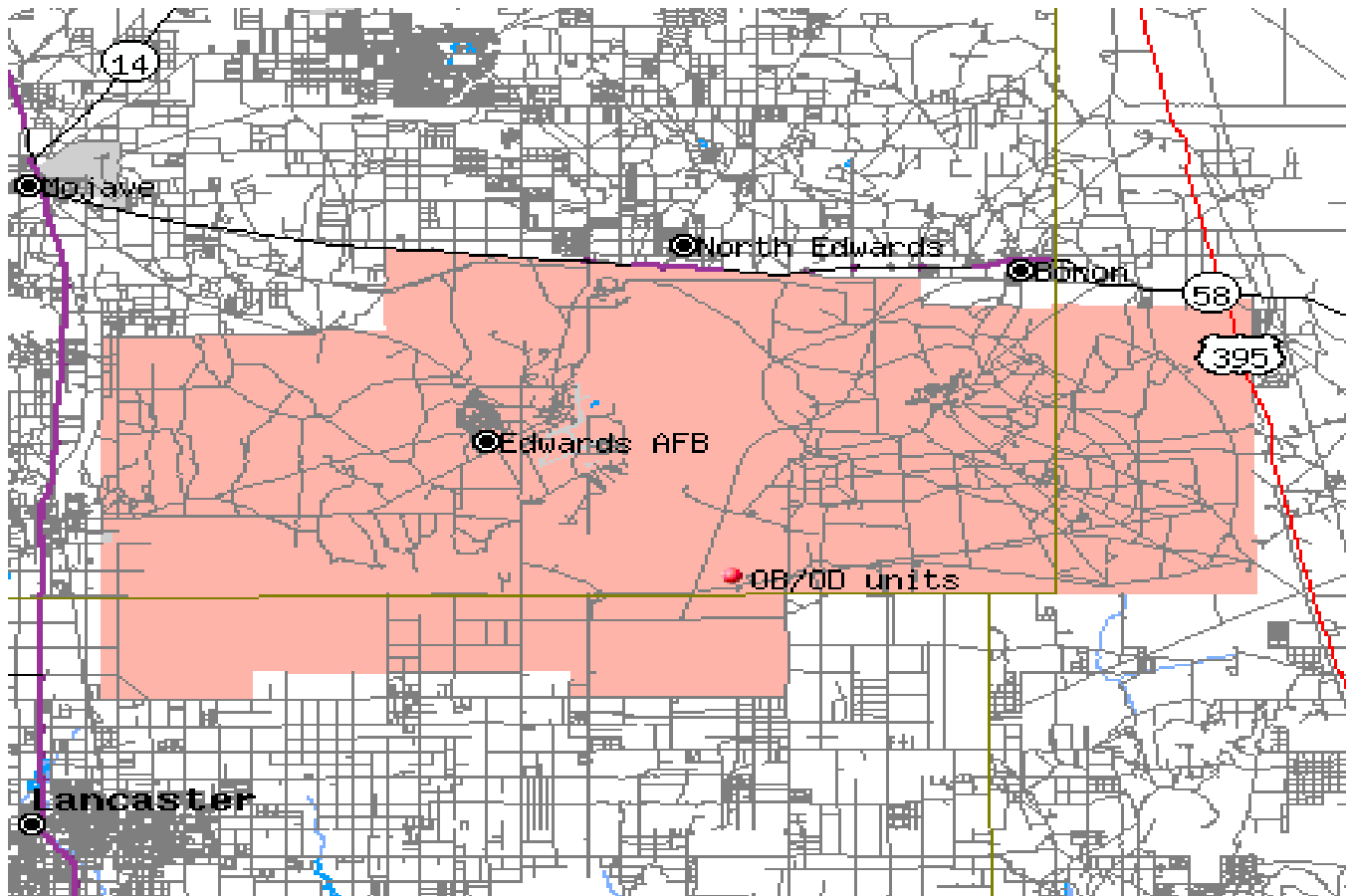
DATE: November 19, 2003
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Linda Verde School
ADDRESS: 44924 Fifth Street East
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PHONE: (661) 942-0431

CONTACT: Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 or email at NSchumac@dtsc.ca.gov for further information on the process or to answer questions about the meeting. For information about the accessibility of the meeting and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Nathan Schumacher by November 18, 2003

**Notice to the Hearing
Impaired**

You can get additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at 916-255-3650 regarding Edwards Air Force Base.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.



Map showing the OB/OD Units

Edwards Air Force Base already has an interim status authorization for the open burn and open detonation units. However, as part of this proposal, they plan to move the units to the location shown in this map.

has applied to DTSC for permanent authority to continue this treatment. If approved, the Air Force will treat by open burning and open detonation at three new locations. These are the open burn pan, the open burn kettle, and the open detonation area. Please see the map above.

Mail Coupon

If your name is on the mailing label, you are on the mailing list for Edwards Air Force Base. If not, please fill out the information below and mail it to Nathan Schumacher, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento CA 95826.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

DTSC mailing lists are solely for the purpose of keeping people informed of DTSC activities. Mailing lists are not routinely released to outside parties. However, they are considered public records, and if requested, may be subject to release.

Information Sources

If you wish to review the full Notice of Preparation, please visit any of the following repositories:

Edwards AFB Library
5 West Yeager Blvd.
Building 6225
Edwards AFB, CA 93524
(661) 275-2665

Kern County Public Library
Wanda Kirk Branch
3611 Rosamond Blvd.
Rosamond CA 93560
(661) 256-3236

Los Angeles County Public Library
601 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster CA 93534
(661) 948-5029

Col. Vernon Saxon
Aerospace Museum
26962 Twenty Mule Team Road
Boron CA 93516
(760) 762-6600

The full administrative record is available for public review at the DTSC Sacramento Office, 8800 Cal Center Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826. To make an appointment to view the administrative record, please call Beverly Rikala at (916) 255-3746. **If you have questions, please feel free to contact:**

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